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**TO: LME Directors**  
**FROM: Leza Wainwright**   
**RE: Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Related  
Admissions in Community Hospital Emergency Departments, QTR 3, SFY 2008-09**

Enclosed please find the quarterly report of the *Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Related Admissions in Community Hospital Emergency Departments, Qtr 3, SFY 2008-09*. This report covers information on Emergency Department admissions among individuals with mental health, developmental disability and substance abuse diagnoses for the third quarter of the SFY, 2008-09.

The data presented in this report has been collected through the North Carolina Disease Event Tracking and Epidemiologic Collection Tool (NC DETECT). The system was created by the North Carolina Division of Public Health (NC DPH) in 2004 to address the need for early detection and timely public health surveillance in North Carolina using a variety of secondary data sources. As of March 5, 2009, 111 of 112 (99%) North Carolina hospitals are submitting data on a daily basis to NC DETECT.

In addition to updated tables and graphs from previous reports, this report presents information on individuals with a primary mental health, substance abuse or developmental disability diagnosis (Figure 2) as well as the primary disposition of individuals by disability (Table 4).

If you have any questions on the data presented in this report, please send them via electronic mail to [ContactDMHQuality@ncmail.net](mailto:ContactDMHQuality@ncmail.net)

Enclosure (1)

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